

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For : LIQUID FILTERING APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, kindly amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete "Technical Field" and insert
--Field of the Invention--.

Page 2, line 1, delete "Disclosure" and insert
--Summary--.

Page 5, line 33, delete "Best Modes for Carrying Out"
and insert --Detailed Description of the Invention--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Page 13, line 1, after "CLAIMS" kindly insert the following line --WHAT I CLAIM IS:--.

1. (Amended) [Liquid] A liquid filtering apparatus,
[said apparatus including] comprising a chamber, a filtering
element in said chamber, and valve means for directing liquid
through said filtering element in a first direction for filtering
said liquid, said valve means being operable to reverse [the] a
direction of liquid flow through said filtering element when